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REQUEST For CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: MAIL STOP RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 (Revised 09/2003)	Application Number 09/954,764
	Filing Date: September 18, 2001
	First Named Inventor: de Boer
	Art Unit: 1644
	Examiner Name: Phillip Gambel
	Confirmation No.: 8879
Attorney Docket No. 925.302	
This is a request for <u>Continued Examination (RCE)</u> under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.	

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s):
- (a) Copy of 132 Declaration by inventor Mark de Boer, as filed in priority document U.S. Application No. 08/070,158, now U.S. Patent No. 5,677,165 (3 pages)
- (b) Copy of Declaration by Paul B. Saveriede regarding biological deposits and accompanying contracts with ATCC outlining terms of agreement for maintenance and public availability of biological deposits, as filed in priority document U.S. Application No. 08/070,158, now U.S. Patent No. 5,677,165 (4 pages)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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Appl. No.:	09/954,764	Group No.:	1644
Filed:	September 18, 2001	Examiner:	Phillip Gambel
For:	METHOD FOR TREATING AN IgE-MEDIATED DISEASE IN A PATIENT USING ANTI-CD40 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES		

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COMMUNICATION

Applicants file concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination of the above-referenced application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Applicants have received notice of an April 20, 2004 Communication from the European Patent Office regarding third party observations that were lodged in a European patent application that is related to the above-identified application. The observations are based on a prior art reference, de Boer *et al.* (1992) *Journal of Immunological Methods* 152:15-23.

The de Boer *et al.* (1992) reference was timely cited by Applicants in the above-identified application as item C9 on the PTO Form 1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 19, 2002. The Examiner has already considered this reference, as evidenced by the initialed copy of this PTO Form 1449 included with the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003.

This RCE is submitted in order to have these third party observations made officially of record in this application for the sake of full disclosure. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these third party observations in light of the other documents submitted concurrently herewith. These documents include the following: (1) a copy of the 132 Declaration by inventor

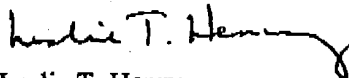
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Mark de Boer that was filed in priority document U.S. Application No. 08/070,158, now U.S. Patent No. 5,677,165, in response to the Examiner's rejection of the claims in that priority document in view of this same de Boer *et al.* (1992) reference; and (2) a copy of the Declaration by Paul B. Savereide regarding biological deposits and the accompanying contracts with ATCC outlining terms of agreement for maintenance and public availability of biological deposits, which were also filed in priority document U.S. Application No. 08/070,158. Although the entire contents of the priority document were incorporate herein by reference, Applicants submit paper copies of these two documents so that the physical contents of the above-identified application are complete when the Examiner considers these third party observations.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

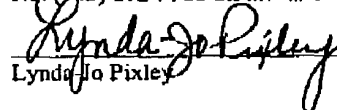


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